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THe General Meeting of the Ministers and Elders of this Church, finding that the Commissioner His Grace, and the Honourable Estates of Parliament, by their Act the 13 of June 1690. have Indicted a solemn Fast to be kept on the 24 of June instant, on this side the River Tay, and on the 1. of July thereafter, on the other side of the said River; and they being sensible how much it is their duty, and the duty of the rest of the Ministers and People of this Church, religiously to observe the said Fast on the foresaid days respectively, and particularly, for the Causes therein specified. Therefore we do recommend the strict observance of it accordingly, and that it may be the more religiously observed, and through the mercy of God, prove the more effectual for His Majesties preservation and success in his present undertaking, it is necessary that Ministers excite themselves and the people to the exercise of Repentance for their own sins, and the Lands; and particularly for the great ignorance of God, Profanity and gross Abominations abounding among all Ranks and Stations, the slighting of Jesus Christ, the Gospel Ordinances and Ministry, profanation of the Lords Day, neglect of Family Worship and Secret prayer, the neglect of the duties of Righteousness and Mercy, the great and general defection from the Truth, and ways of God, over the belly of great Light, Mercies and Judgments, and our most solemn engagements to God; Earthly-mindedness, Self-seeking, Scandalous Divisions, and other the like evils; as also, for our insensibleness of, and ingratitude for, the manifold mercies bestowed on this Church and Kingdom; and in special, in giving us the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ; and in delivering us in former times, and now signally at this time, from Popery, Prelacy, and Slavery; that being humbled for our sins, we may obtain Reconciliation with God, and Pardon through Faith in the Blood of Christ, and may have access with confidence to put up our Supplications to God, for our King and Queen, the Commissioner his Grace, our Parliament, Council, and Forces by Sea and Land, and for the Lord's carrying on the happily begun Restauration of this Church, and for his sending out of faithful Ministers, and blessing of the Gospel, and for his gracious presence in the Meetings of this Church; and for that end, that he would discover and defeat the Plots and Attempts against His Majesty and His Government, and would be pleased to send seasonable Weather, for bringing forward the Fruits of the Ground, and that a Spirit of Reformation and Repentance being poured out on all of us, Religion and Righteousness, Peace and Prosperity under the shining of his Countenance, may yet flourish in our Land.

Extracted by John Spalding Cls.

Edinburgh, June 19. 1690.

TH E I R Majesties High-Commissioner, and the Lords of Privy Council, Considering, that through the neglect of Posts, or Others, the Proclamations of Parliament indicting a Solemn and Publick Fast, to be observed in all the Churches and Meeting-Houses within the Kingdom, upon the days therein mentioned, may not be sent timely to the Ministers hands, and the Observation of so Religious a duty being the Universal Concern of this Kingdom. Therefore they hereby Appoint, that in case the day of the Fast have not been Observed upon the particular days mentioned in the said Proclamation, that the Ministers, and all within their respective Congregations, shall keep the same, upon the Tuesday next thereafter.

Extracted by GILB. ELIOT Cls. Sti. Con.